

RESOLUTION NO. 12-391

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Michelle Gilliam Jordan, will be honored with the "Governmental Relations Award" during the Eleventh Annual Leadership Awards Program sponsored by the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University on June 2, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, a native of Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Jordan earned her Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree and B. A. degree in Psychology at Alabama A&M University. She began her career in Washington, D. C., working for the Forest Service in environmental compliance, and later returned to Huntsville to serve as an environmental specialist for Earth Tech; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison hired Michelle in 1995 to work as a planner and capital improvements program manager for their burgeoning community. She managed Madison's \$30 million capital improvement program and implemented the city's award-winning Comprehension Plan. From Madison, she moved to Decatur where she assumed the role as Director of Planning and Development. She coordinated city-wide development, managed block grants, code enforcement programs, Planning Commission and the Decatur Business Incubator; and,

WHEREAS, when Michelle assumed the role of Community Development Director with the City of Huntsville in 2009, she managed multi-million dollar grants and urban development projects. Mayor Tommy Battle is quoted as saying, "Her negotiating, leadership and teambuilding skills quickly earned her recognition as a rising star;" and,

WHEREAS, currently, she is serving as the Economic Development and Legislative Affairs Director for the City of Huntsville, and is responsible for promoting the City's economic development plan and is Huntsville's chief federal strategist in Montgomery and Washington, D.C. Michelle is a 2001 Graduate of Leadership Decatur and a 2005 Graduate of Leadership Alabama. She has also served as the Board Chairman of the United Way of Morgan County and the Volunteer Center of Morgan County, as well as serving on several boards and committees; and,

WHEREAS, Michelle received the "Benjamin Banneker Award" from Alabama A&M University in 2007 for her planning contributions, and was named the "Professional Planner of the Year" by the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association in 2009. She holds membership in the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and is an active member of the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association; and,

WHEREAS, Michelle is the daughter of Joel and Loretta Gilliam, who are responsible for her attending Alabama A&M University. She is married to Clayton Jordan, and they are the proud parents of Lauren Nicole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Michelle Gilliam Jordan, 2012 "Governmental Relations Award" Honoree, and extend best wishes to her and the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 24th day of May, 2012.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 24th day of May, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama